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SIX INDIVIDUALS FROM FLORIDA INDICTED
FOR COUNTERFEIT CHECK FRAUD SCHEME

– Quick action by Louisville Metro Police uncovers scheme

LOUISVILLE, KY - A federal grand jury in Louisville returned an indictment against **Arik O. Lane**, age 22; **Shanta S. Larkin**, age 20; **Marcus A. Anderson**, age 26; **Eddie Jones III**, age 39; **Maurice V. Dyal**, age 27; and **Jameshia A. Mack**, age 21, all of Tampa, Florida, on charges of conspiracy to commit bank fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1349 and aggravated identity theft in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1028A, and passing counterfeit checks in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 513, David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today

The Indictment alleges that Lane, Larkin, Anderson, Jones, Dyal, and Mack traveled from Tampa, Florida, to Louisville, Kentucky, on July 17, 2007, for the purpose of passing counterfeit checks at local Louisville banks. More particularly, the six defendants stole checks from various businesses in Louisville and elsewhere so that they could use the bank routing and account numbers on the checks in order to manufacture counterfeit checks. The co-conspirators then made the counterfeit checks payable in names of various individuals. When presenting the checks for payment at the local banks, the co-conspirators would present the identification of the individual to whom the check was made payable.

The Indictment alleges that on at least six instances the co-conspirators successfully presented checks at local Louisville banks in amounts between approximately \$2,000 to \$3,200.

If the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties for Lane are 96 years imprisonment, a \$3,250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of up to 5 years; the maximum potential penalties for Larkin, Jones and Mack are 32 years imprisonment, a \$1,250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of up to 5 years; and the maximum potential penalties for Anderson are 30 years imprisonment, a \$1,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of up to 5 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Bryan Calhoun, and it was investigated jointly by the United States Secret Service and the Louisville Metropolitan Police Department.

Lane, Larkin, Anderson, Jones, Dyal, and Mack are scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on August 23, 2007, at 9:15 a.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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